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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN MAUSCHITZ CASE

REF: BUCHAREST 5753

1. VICE PRIME MINISTER OPREA MET TODAY WITH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR SAUTTER, AUSTRIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR ORISICH, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MAGNESIT WICK, AND DCM FOR 45 MINUTE DISCUSSION OF MAUSCHITZ'S CASE. DEPUTY MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE STANCIU ALSO PRESENT. NO NEW FACTS EMERGED FROM MEETING. SAUTTER AND WICK MADE BRIEF PRESENTATION OF SITUATION AND STRONG PLEA FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF CASE. OPREA SAID HE WAS NOT "ENTIRELY UNINFORMED CONCERNING CASE" AND OFFERED PERSONAL ASSURANCES THAT MATTER WOULD BE EXAMINED PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES. HE ENDED MEETING WITH FORCEFUL STATEMENT OF NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF VIGOROUS TRADE BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND ROMANIA.

2. COMMENT: AUSTRIANS WERE MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY GENERALLY POSITIVE TONE OF MEETING, ENOUGH SO THAT WICK IS PLANNING RETURN VIENNA TOMORROW. AMBASSADOR SAUTTER HAS CLEARLY WELCOMED US PRESENCE AT MEETINGS WITH STANCIU AND OPREA AND JUDGES IT HAS HAD SOBERING INFLUENCE ON GOR. HE BELIEVES ROMANIANS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT. LACKING SPECIFIC

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INFORMATION ON EVIDENCE GOR HAS ON MAUSCHITZ, WE BELIEVE

THIS MAY BE PREMATURELY OPTIMISTIC APPRAISAL OF SITUATION.
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